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SUBJECT:FIRST MEETING OF US-USSR COMMISSION IN SOCIAL  
SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES

1. SUMMARY: SOVIET AND AMERICAN SCHOLARS HAVE AGREED TO  
INITIATE COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES IN THE HUMANITIES AND  
SOCIAL SCIENCES, AND HAVE ESTABLISHED A US-USSR COMMISSION  
TO RECOMMEND TEMES AND FORMS OF COOPERATION TO THEIR  
SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS.

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2. SOVIET AND AMERICAN SCHOLARS IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

AND HUMANITIES MET IN TARRYTOWN, NEW YORK, MARCH 12-14 AND AGREED TO RECOMMEND TO THEIR SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS PROGRAMS OF COOPERATIVE RESEARCH IN ANTHROPOLOGY, ECONOMICS, HISTORY, THE HUMANITIES (LITERATURE), INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, LAW, PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY. THE SOVIET DELEGATION TO THE MEETING REPRESENTED THE USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND WAS HEADED BY ACADEMICIAN N. N. INOZEMTSEV, DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF WORLD ECONOMY AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE US DELEGATION WERE DRS. ROBERT M. LUMIANSKY AND FREDERICK BURKHARDT OF THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LEARNED SOCIETIES (ACLS). ALTHOUGH NOT AN OFFICIAL BODY (AT LEAST ON THE US SIDE), THE SOVIET-AMERICAN GROUP HAS TAKEN THE NAME "US-USSR

COMMISSION IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES". THE COMMISSION WAS ORGANIZED ON THE US SIDE BY THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND EXCHANGES BOARD (IREX).

3. THE COMMISSION PREPARED A DRAFT PROTOCOL WHICH SUMMARIZES THE RESULTS OF ITS FIRST MEETING. THE PROTOCOL WILL BE PRESENTED TO ITS SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS (SOVIET ACADEMY AND ACLS) FOR APPROVAL, AFTER WHICH IT WILL BE MADE PUBLIC. AT SOVIET INITIATIVE THE PROTOCOL NOTES THAT THE MEETING WAS ORGANIZED UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE US-USSR GENERAL AGREEMENT ON CONTACTS, EXCHANGES AND COOPERATION, WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO ARTICLE II, PARA 2,B (ACLS AGREEMENT WITH SOVIET ACADEMY). THE PROTOCOL ALSO LISTS THE THEMES AND FORMS OF COLLABORATION, AFFIRMS THE INTENTION OF THE TWO SIDES TO USE THEIR BEST EFFORTS TO FACILITATE CONTACTS BETWEEN APPROPRIATE US AND SOVIET INSTITUTIONS, AND NOTES THAT "NEITHER THE INCLUSION OF TOPICS, NOR REFERENCE TO CERTAIN FORMS AND METHODS OF EXECUTION, IS INTENDED TO EXCLUDE OR DISCOURAGE WORK THAT MAY BE CARRIED OUT ON OTHER TOPICS, BY VARIOUS OTHER FORMS AND METHODS, OUTSIDE THE FRAMEWORK OF THE COMMISSION". FULL TEXT, INCLUDING SPECIFICS ON THEMES AND FORMS OF COOPERATION, WILL BE FURNISHED WHEN AVAILABLE.

4. FORMS OF COLLABORATION WILL INCLUDE PARALLEL RESEARCH, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMPARISON OF RESEARCH RESULTS THROUGH EXCHANGES OF REPORTS AND WORKING MEETINGS OF US AND SOVIET SCHOLARS, JOINT PUBLICATIONS, AND EXCHANGES OF SCHOLARS. WITH REGARD TO THE LATTER, HARVARD ECONOMIST LEONTIEF, IN THE OPENING PLENARY SESSION, MADE A MOVING PLEA TO BOTH SIDES (BUT DIRECTED MAINLY AT THE SOVIETS) TO GIVE PRIORITY TO THE EXCHANGE OF YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

5. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMISSION REPRESENTS THE CULMINATION OF FOUR YEARS OF EFFORT BY THE ACLS AND IREX. FROM THE VERY START OF THE MEETING IT WAS APPARENT THAT THE SOVIET DELEGATION WAS SERIOUS IN ITS DESIRE TO REACH AGREEMENT. THERE WAS A NOTICEABLE LACK OF POLEMICS, AND

THE ATMOSPHERICS WERE UNUSUALLY CORDIAL. THE SOVIET DELEGATION, WHILE IT APPEARED TO BE OPERATING UNDER CLEARLY DEFINED INSTRUCTIONS, ALSO SHOWED CONSIDERABLE FLEXIBILITY IN ACCOMMODATING US DESIRES. (LITERATURE WAS ONE EXCEPTION, AND IN THIS FIELD THE SOVIETS APPEARED TO BE OPERATING UNDER RATHER NARROW LIMITATIONS ON WHAT THEY COULD AGREE TO). THE SOVIET DELEGATION APPEARED DESIROUS OF MAINTAINING THE APPEARANCE OF

FORWARD MOVEMENT IN US-USSR DETENTE. IN BOTH FORMAL AND INFORMAL MEETINGS THERE WERE FREQUENT REFERENCES TO THE NEED FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS AND INCREASED CONTACTS. THE

SOVIETS ALSO SHOWED INTEREST IN SHARING SOVIET EXPERIENCE AND GAINING ACCESS TO AMERICAN EXPERIENCE IN A NUMBER OF FIELDS CONSIDERED IMPORTANT TO THEIR DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING ECONOMICS, SOCIOLOGY, AND PSYCHOLOGY. IN THE ECONOMIC WORKING GROUP, FOR EXAMPLE, AGREEMENT WAS QUICKLY REACHED (BETWEEN INOZEMTSEV AND LEONTIEF) IN

30 MINUTES. THERE ALSO SEEMED TO BE UNDERSTANDING THAT, CONSIDERING THE ACTIVITIES BEING CONDUCTED UNDER THE VARIOUS US-USSR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS (IN S & T, HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, AGRICULTURE, ETC.), THE TIME HAD FINALLY COME FOR SIMILAR COOPERATION IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES.

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6. IN ADDITION TO INOZEMTSEV, THE SOVIET COMMISSION MEMBERS INCLUDED ACADEMICIAN E. M. ZHUKOV (HISTORY), BORIS F. LOMOV (PSYCOLOGY), IRINA G. NEUPOKOYEVA (LITERATURE); N. S. MANSUROV (SOCIOLOGY), AND A. P. MOVCHAN (LAW). SECRETARY FOR THE SOVIET COMMISSION WAS S. MEDVEDKOV, INSTITUTE OF USA AND CANADA (AND STEPSON OF INOZEMTSEV). GEORGI ARBATOV, DIRECTOR OF THE USA AND CANADA INSTITUTE, ALTHOUGH NOT PRESENT AT THE MEETING, WAS INFLUENTIAL IN ADVANCE PREPARATIONS ON THE SOVIET SIDE. US COMMISSION MEMBERS ALSO INCLUDED NOBEL LAUREAT WASSILY LEONTIEF, HERBERT LEVINE, AND VLADIMIR TREML (ECONOMICS); MACK THOMPSON AND WALTER PINTNER (HISTORY); LEON LIPSON (LAW); MARSHALL SHULMAN (INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS); TALCOTT PARSONS, ELEANOR SHELDON AND ALLEN KASSOF

(SOCIOLOGY); WILLIAM ESTES (PSYCHOLOGY); AND ANTHONY WALLACE (ANTHROPOLOGY). ATTENDING AS OBSERVERS WERE YALE RICHMOND (STATE), DAVID GOSLIN AND LAWRENCE MITCHELL (NAS), AND GERALDINE OTREMBA (NEH).

7. THE ONLY DIFFICULTY IN THE MEETING OCCURRED WHEN THE US SIDE TRIED TO EXPLAIN THAT IT COULD NOT SPEAK FOR THE US SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES COMMUNITIES WITH REGARD TO THE THEMES, FORMS AND FUNDING OF THE COOPERATION AGREED TO. THE US SIDE, HOWEVER, SAID IT WOULD USE ITS BEST EFFORTS, AS STATED IN THE PROTOCOL, "IN ORDER THAT THE REQUISITE FUNDS AND SCHOLARLY PERSONNEL SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE PROJECTS DESCRIBED IN THIS PROTOCOL". THE SOVIETS SEEMED TO QUESTION THE SINCERITY OF THE US POSITION UNTIL IT WAS EXPLAINED

(OVER THE COURSE OF TWO DAYS) HOW SOCIAL SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES RESEARCH IN THE US IS CONDUCTED AND FUNDED. INGERSOLL

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